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B. Syrian press and radio continuing bitter attack on Nuri for alleged coup plot against Syria.

C. Although Nuri government shaky,

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he intends to ride out storm.

1. Anti-Government demonstrations quelled--momentarily at least--by tough measures.

2. Anti-Nuri feeling in Iraq still high, however, and further demonstrations are likely.

3. Army discontent is especially rife among junior officers.

D. These internal difficulties will probably keep Iraqis busy at home.

III. In Jordan, Nabulsi cabinet has announced that abrogation of treaty with UK is one of Government's major objectives.

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B. British are doling out treaty subsidy on weekly basis: any sudden break would leave Jordan's army unpaid.

C. Question for Jordan is: who will pick up tab?

1. Hussain has clearly implied he would like US to do so.

2. Other pressures, however, are for exclusively "Arab" aid, which King recognizes would not give long-term security,

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and behind which might be money from Moscow.

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